

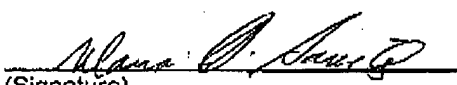
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Dear Examiner,

A Request for Continued Examination is now being filed under 37 CFR 1.114.

An Advisory Action was mailed on January 29, 2008 and the application was not placed in condition for allowance.

Please enter the amendment presently being filed with the RCE.

This amendment refers to pending claims 1-20 of the application with the serial number 10/574,556, filed April 3, 2006.

Claim 5 has been amended. Claims 1-4, 6-18 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added.

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